The great Myſtery of BABYLON,

Opened and explain'd,

Where the Whore is deeply wounded. And alſo the four Queſtions that is asked of the Beaſt, which none of the hired Clergy in the World is able to Anſwer. And alſo his laſt Arrow ſhot at the Whore of *Babylon*. And alſo his laſt Call to God's People to come out of her. And alſo the great News in *Edinburgh*; which is the *Tinklarian Doctor's* Twenty ſecond Epiſtle, which contains great LIGHT.

The Scope of this Epiſtle, ſays *Paul*, *Neither did we eat any Man's Bread for nought, but wrought with labour and travel Night and Day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you*; He doubles theſe Words, that the Clergy may take notice of them, *If any Man think himſelf to be a Prophet, or Spiritual, let him acknowledge that the Things that I write unto you, are the Commandments of the Lord, but if any Man be ignorant, let him be ignorant*, ſays *Paul*, *He that is unjuſt, let him be unjuſt ſtill*, ſays the Spirit.

Written in the 66 Year of his AGE.

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Humbly dedicated to His Excellency,

General WADE.

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I Dedicate this wonderful Epiſtle to the moſt Excellent General *Wade.*

If it pleaſe your moſt Excellency, I have read, that great Princes, have ſtoped ſo low from their princely Power, that they have conferred their princely Favour to the meaneſt Objects of their People, and thankfully received it, as it were a few Drops of Water from the Palm of a poor Man's Hand, which Act of Acceptance and Reſpect, hath more enobled their Names unto Poſterity, than all their great Deeds and wonderful Actions; and the Conſideration of this, makes

makes me hold to present this Epistle to your Excellency's Protection and Acceptance.

May it therefore please your Excellency, many have the Experience of your Favour, Loyalty, Honesty and Charity, especially to this Nation, your Excellency hath still been for the Good of poor *Scotland*, altho' Gold hath blindfolded many of our great Men in this Nation, especially our Clergy, yet all the Gold in *Britain* was never able to blindfold your most Excellency, and the Consideration of these Things, commends me to put this Epistle to the Shelter of your Excellency's Protection, which I do not so much, to let the World see my Gratitude, as to satisfy my self, in Point of Judgment and Discretion, altho I be in a Manner a Stranger to your loyal Person; yet the Rarity of your unblamished Excellency, in this ignoble Age, and the Emminency of your heroick Spirit, invites me to cast my Anchor on the firmest Bottom in these tottering Times. There is but few in this Nation of our Quality dare be Patterns for the Truth, and fewer can be Patterns, altho Truth never stood in more need, and hath less Power to defend it, considering the Wildness and Severity of the Times, which ariseth from the Changes of the unwary and ungrounded Persons of

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all Ranks and Qualities, who hath neither looked to themſelves nor to their Conſcience, as for your Excellency, I know not to give you flattering Titles. *In ſo doing, my Maker would ſoon take me away*, ſays *Elihu*. But this I ſay to your moſt Excellency, that I would not give a Finger of your Hand, not for *Illa*'s whole Body. This alſo I ſay to your Excellency, ye was commended, and are commended, and ſhall be commended, and I ſhall commend you; and my Commendation will go farther than all the Tradeſmen in *Britain*, your Excellency will deſire a Reaſon for all this Commendation, I ſhall give your Excellency ſeveral Reaſons, negatively, you are not a proud Man, and you are not a covetous Man, and you are not a treacherous Man; but poſitively, you are a wiſe Man, and a rich Man, and you have a Heart to make a good Uſe of it; and a Man that hath Wiſdom and Riches, and alſo a Heart to make a good Uſe of it, *God anſwereth him in the Joy of his Heart*, ſays *Solomon*.

I muſt not weary your moſt Excellency, but becauſe I love you, I muſt give you my Advice and Council, I was ſent to the World to give Light, and I am commanded to let my Light ſhine, but the ignorant Hirelings cares for none of my Light, they hate my Light

Light, *Because their Deeds are Evil, and are reproved.* If it pleaſe your Excellency, altho now ye have the Pleaſures and Delights of this World, with Honour and Dignity, therefore I would give you a Caution; I know that you walk in the midſt of Snares, ſo take heed to yourſelf, you are commanded not to love the World, but to withdraw your Affections from it, and to be crucified to it, and uſe it with indifferency of Mind, as ye uſed it not, keep the Danger of the World in your Eyes, and be careful of your Steps, as ye were walking in the midſt of Serpents which is ready to Sting you. If you were at a Feaſt, if ye knew that there were Poiſon in the Diſhes, ye would be afraid to eat any Thing there. When Captain *Smith* was taken by the Savages of *America*, and had plentiful Meat ſet before him, which he knew that was to Fatten him, that he might be the better Meat when he was killed, was that pleaſant to him, that had the Point of a naked Sword hinging over his Head by a Horſe Hair, which he expected every Moment to fall and kill him; ſo them that hath too much Love to thn World, are in a more dangerous Condition. It is extreamly difficult for a rich Man to go to Heaven, and the Difficulty lies in theſe Hinderances

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My first Question to you hired Clergy? What is it that is written in the Scriptures, that is called *Babylon*? Are ye capable to answer me, hath the God of this World blindfolded you, because ye can neither see her nor perceive her, nor understand her, she seems to be a Mystery to you, so she is called a Mystery, *Babylon* the great the Mother of Harlots, and the Abomination of the Earth; it is a Mystery for a Man or Woman not to know their own Mother when she is alive, she is printed in great Letters, that ye may see her and know her, but you hired Clergy, can neither see her nor know her, because God hath given you the Spirit of Slumber, so that you cannot see, and Ears that you cannot hear unto this Day, says the Prophet; so on you is fulfilled that Prophecy *By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand, and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive.* In this Epistle I shall prove, that it is you that keeps the Kirks in *Scotland* and preaches for Hire, ye are the Whore of *Babylon* as shall be proven; and if ye be not that Whore, there was never a Whore in the World, ye are not only Whores, but ye are Thieves and Robbers, as my Master makes plain, so he says, *Verily, verily I say unto you, he that entereth not by the Door to the Sheepfold, but climbeth up some other Way, the same is a Thief and a Robber.* Many Times my House hath been robed to buy your fat Supers, and I was made to go to my Bed wanting mine, and if these be the Ministers of Christ let the World judge; I say, all these Clergy that preaches God's Word, and doth not keep his sayings, are the Whore of *Babylon* with a Witness. So he says, *He that loveth me not, keepeth not my Sayings*; in his Prayer, it is only them that keeps Gods Word that he recommends to his Father; so he says,

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And they have keep thy Word; this makes it plain, that there is not a Miniſter in the World, that are Chriſts Miniſters, but only them that keeps Gods Word, and all others are the Whore of *Babylon* with a Witneſs. You hired Clergy in *Britain*, you call the *Popiſh* Church that Whore; I ſhall write ſome Scriptures to prove, that ye are as ſurely a Whore as they are. *And it was given unto him to make War with the Saints and to overcome them, and Power was given him over all Kindreds and Tongues and Nations, all that dwell upon the Earth ſhall worſhip him, whoſe Names are not Written in the Book of Life, if any Man hath an Ear to hear let him hear*; here is Wiſdom, let him that hath underſtanding count the Number of the Beaſt, this makes it plain, that the Beaſt reacheth farther than the Church of *Rome*; ſo ſays the Spirit, *And Power was given him over all Kindreds and Tongues and Nations*. If the *Popiſh* Church be the only Whore, why then do you receive his Mark, both in your Fore-head and Hands, did you never put your Hand to a Pen, and to join in Affinity with that Beaſt, it is well known ye have done it, and by ſo doing, ye have received the Mark of the Beaſt, and of his Image, *And he cauſed all both ſmall and great, rich and poor, free and bound to receive a Mark in their Right-hand and on their Fore-head*, all this ye have done for Money, and *Peter* ſaid unto him, *thy Money periſh with thee, becauſe thou thought that the Gift of God may be purchaſed with Money*. O hired Clergy, let me know the Difference that is between you and *Simon Magus* the Sorſcrer, for I know none.

My ſecond Queſtion to you hired Clergy, who was it that ſent you out to preach that Goſpel ye now preach, I am ſure that it was not Chriſt that ſent you, for he ſends none but only them that keeps his Word, and follows his Example; ſo ſays he to his Father, in his Prayer, *They have keept thy Word*; if ye can prove that ye have keeped his Word, then we might believe you, this ye cannot do, therefore I conclude, that all the Power ye have to preach, ye have received it from the Beaſt, *And they worſhipped the Dragon who gave Power unto the Beaſt, ſaying who is like unto the Beaſt, who is able to make War with him, and all the World wondred after the Beaſt*; and this makes their Kirks ſo thrang, this Scripture makes it plain, that all the Hearers of theſe Hirelings, are Worſhipers of the Dragon, now I Propheſy, that within a ſhort Time, your Beaſts ſhall fall,

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After these Things, I saw another Angel come down from Heaven, having great Power, and the Earth was lightned with his Glory, and he cried mightily with a strong Voice, saying Babylon *the great is fallen is fallen, for all Nations have drunk of the Wine of her Fornecation, I heard another Voice, saying, come out of her my People, that ye be not Partakers of her Sins, and that ye receive not of her Plagues, for her Sins have reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembred her Iniquity, how much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her, for she saith in her Heart, I sit a Queen, am no Widow, and shall see no Sorrow.* This is now the Thoughts of your Hearts, O hired Clergy, as this Scripture makes plain, you are now secure in your great Stipends, to buy your fat Diners and Supers, but your Plagues shall come in one Day, altho you now think otherwise, with your great Stipends and the Golden Cup in your Hand full of Abominations, but behold your End, and the Beast was taken, and with him the false Prophets that wrought Miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had worshiped his Image; these Scriptures makes it plain, that all the Hearers of these hired Clergy are deceived, and are worshipers of the Beast, and of his Image, so says the Spirit, these both were cast alive into a Fire burning with Brimstone, where the Beast and the false Prophets or false Ministerr are, and shall be tormented Day and Night for ever and ever, this may fear any Person from going to hear these Hirelings preach, as for my Part, I will not, I have God's Warrant for it, so says the Spirit, to have a Form of Godliness, but denying the Power thereof, so he says to me, from such turn away; I know that God hath put it in their Hearts to go to hear them, so says the Spirit, God hath put it in their Hearts to fulfill his Will, and to agree and give their Kingdom unto the Beast, until the Word of God shall be fulfilled, both Kings and Rulers, and these hired Clergy, have all one Mind, says the Spirit, and all these Three gives their Power and Strength unto the Beast; is it not a sad Matter then, that all these Three should give their Power and Strength unto the Devil: Ye hear it is made plain, that it is Kings and Rulers, that gives these Hirelings or Beasts that Power to preach for Money, so says the Spirit, they have all one Mind, and so long as they have all one Mind and agree, it is unpossible for any of them

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to come out of *Babylon* until the Word of God be fulfilled, ſo ſays the Spirit, I have laid a Snare for thee, and thou art alſo taken, O *Babylon*, and thou waſt not not aware, thon art found and alſo caught, becauſe thou haſt ſtriven againſt the Lord; this makes it plain, that theſe hired Clergy cannot win out of *Babylon*, becauſe they are caught in a Snare; all theſe Churches that hath come out of *Babylon* are commanded to put ourſelves in aray againſt *Babylon*, round about, all ye that bend the Bow, ſhout at her and ſpare no Arrows, for ſhe is proud againſt the Lord. I have been ſhooting at her theſe 26 Years, three Years above *Jeremiah*, at that Beaſt or Whore, if every one had ſhot as many Arrows at her as I have done, *Babylon* would have fallen long ago, them that are in her are commanded to come out of her; ſo ſays the Spirit, flee out of *Babylon*, and deliver every Man his Soul, be not cut off in her Iniquity, for this is the Time of the Lords Vengance; ye hear of the great Love of God in Chriſt to his own People, and alſo his great hatred againſt the Beaſt or Whore, he doth not only command us to come out of *Babylon*, or go out of her, or run out of her, but he commandeth us to flee out of her, that our Souls may be delivered, ye hear the great Reſpect that God hath for a Man's Soul; then what ſort of Creatures are theſe that ſwears by their Soul. I ſay *Babylon* hath been a golden Cup in the Lords Hand, that made all the Earth drunken, all the Nations have drunken of her Wine, therefore the Nations are mad, this Scripture makes it plain, that all the Hearers of theſe Hirelings are mad; we would have healed *Babylon*, but ſhe is not healed, we are commanded to forſake her, and let us go every one into his own Country, for her Judgments reacheth unto Heaven, and is lifted up even unto the Skies. O thou that dwelleſt upon many Waters, abounded in Treaſures, thine End is come, and the Meaſure of thy Covetouſneſs, this Sin of Covetouſneſs hath ruined the Clergy, becauſe the love of Money is the Root of all Evil; yea, the Walls ſhall fall, my People go ye out of the midſt of her, and deliver ye every Man his Soul from the ferce Anger of the Lord, leſt your Hearts faint, and you fear, for the Rumour ſhall be heard in the Land, Rumours ſhall both come one Year, and after that another Year ſhall come a Rumour and Violence in the Land, Ruler againſt Ruler, ye hear what Wars,

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Confuſions and Judgments are to come upon the World for the Clergy's Sins; ſo ſays the Spirit, *And there was War in Heaven, Michael and his Angels fought againſt the Dragon, and the Dragon fought and his Angels; in thoſe Days Men ſhall ſeek Death and ſhall not find it, and ſhall deſire to die, and Death ſhall flee from them.* I am ſent to give you warning. *He that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit ſaith unto the Churches, ſurely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his Secrets to his Servants the Prophets.*

A third Queſtion to you hired Clergy, Why do ye not obey Chriſt's command? Did he not ſend out his Miniſters to preach his Goſpel freely? So he ſays to them, *As ye have received freely ſo freely give; provide neither Gold nor Silver or Braſs in your Purſes, for the Work-man is worthy of his Meat.* But this Yoke of his is too heavy for ſuch as ye are, altho' it be eaſy to Belivers. Ye will not take him to be your Ruler; ſo ſays the Spirit, *The Kings of the Earth ſet themſelves, and the Rulers took Council together, againſt the Lord, and againſt his anointed, ſaying, let us break their Bands aſunder, and caſt away their cords from us,* for we cannot endure to preach, except we get Money for it: But if Kings and Rulers did not take the Beaſt's Part, *Babylon* would have fallen long ago, ye hear, in this Scripture, That Kings and Rulers, and the Beaſt or Whore, joyn all together againſt God and Chriſt, for the Kings commit Fornication with the Whore. I admire at theſe ignorant Clergy that thinks themſelves Chrſt's Miniſters, when they deny him in their Practice; ſo he ſays, *Whoſoever ſhall deny me before Men, him alſo will I deny before my Father which is in Heaven, and he that taketh not up his Croſs and followeth me, is not worthy of me.* All that will live godly in Chriſt, ſhall ſuffer Perſecution: He doth not ſay they *may*, but he ſays they *ſhall*. This Scripture makes it plain, that either Chriſt is a Liar, or ye that are Hirelings are the Miniſters of the Devil; for Chriſt's Miniſters muſt meet with Hunger and Want, Trouble and Croſſes, Nakedneſs and Buffetings; ſo ſays our Apoſtle, *Even unto this preſent Time we both hunger and thirſt, and are buffeted, and have no certain Dwelling-place.* Obſerve this Scripture; ſo he ſays. We that are the Miniſters of Chriſt, muſt meet with thoſe to this preſent Time; that is, this Day, and not, Yeſterday, becauſe the Scriptures ſtand

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in Force to the End of the World. Now, hired Clergy, how is this ſcripture fulfilled in you? I appeal to your Conſciences, if ye dare ſpeak as *Paul* did; then, how have ye the Confidence to call your ſelves Chriſt's Miniſters: This one Scripture makes it plain that ye are not his Miniſters, but only *Baal*'s Prieſts. *He that findeth his Life* for Money, *ſhall loſe it*, and he that loſeth his Life for my Sake, ſhall find it. There are none of theſe hired Clergy that will looſe their Lives for Religion; give them their ſtipends they are eaſy about it; and they get that only for keeping, up the Form of ſound Words, and deſire to be Teachers of the Law, but they neither underſtand what they ſay, nor whereof they affirm, as St. *Paul* tells us; and he tells them alſo, to hold faſt the Form of ſound Words, but he doth it with a Caution; ſo he ſays, *That which thou haſt heard of me.* Now, Hirelings, did you ever hear *Paul* ordain or command a Miniſter to tak Money for preaching Chriſt's Goſpel: He was contrary to it, ſo he ſays to them, *Be not greedy of filthy Lucre*; but theſe Hirelings will neither obey Chriſt nor our Apoſtle, ſo their Mouths ſhould be ſtopped, as St. *Paul* tells us; and as *Demas* forſaked *Paul*'s Doctrine for Love of the World, ſo have theſe Hirelings forſaken God's Word, which is himſelf, *and the Word was* God for the Love of the World, there is no Hirelings excepted, Proteſtants as well as Papiſts; ſo ſays our Lord, *The Hirelings careth not for the Sheep.*

A fourth Queſtion to you Hirelings in *Scotland*, for my Enbaſſy is to ſpeak to you, Whether have ye obey'd Chriſt or the Parliament in *England*? I ſay ye have diſobey'd Chriſt, and obey'd the Parliament, which was made plain by your ſweariug theſe unlawful Oaths, and making theſe unlawful Acts, both againſt Scripture and Reaſon, which I can prove. All this ye have done for the Love of Money, and to ſave your Lives; but, ſays our Lord, ye ſhall loſe them both.; *He that ſaveth his Life ſhall loſe it*, All thoſe that chooſe Sin before ſuffering, it is juſt that they ſhould loſe their Lives; and whether ye believe it or not, ye ſhall find it true; Chriſt ſhall not be found a Liar, but ye ſhall be found Liars. *If I bear Witneſs of my ſelf, my Witneſs is not true, there is another that bears Witneſs of me, and I know the Witneſs which he witneſſeth of me, is true,*

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The Father judgeth no Man, He hath committed all Judgment to the Son, that all Men ſhould honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.

Now hired Clergy what Honour do you put on the Son of God, when ye will not obey him, which is made plain; ye are of your Father the Devil, and the Luſts of your Father ye will do, againſt both Scripture and Reaſon; becauſe I tell you the Truth, ye believe me not, he that is of God, heareth God's Words, ye therefore hear them not, becauſe ye are not of God; and Jeſus ſaid, *For Judgment I am come to this World, that they which ſee not, might ſee, and they which ſee might be made blind, if any Man will do his Will, he ſhall know of the Doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I ſpeak of myſelf*: Any Man be he Rich or be he Poor, be he learned or unlearned; I was never ſo long at School as to read the Bible. Aftet what hath been ſaid, I know theſe Hirelings will anſwer me, as the Clergy anſwered the poor blind Man, that ſaid to him, *thou waſt altogether born in Sin, and doſt thou teach us, and they caſt him out*; and my Words will alſo be caſt out, until Gods Word be fulfilled as it is written, theſe Hirelings will ſay of me, as theſe Clergy ye read of ſaid, *Are we blind alſo*, becauſe we will not be ruled by you, and Jeſus ſaid unto them, *If ye were blind ye ſhould have no Sin, but now ye ſay we ſee, therefore your Sin remaineth*; ye hear that theſe Hirelings is in a ſad Condition, who knoweth Chriſt's Will and doth it not, it is juſt that they ſhould be beaten with double Stripes; O that Money, O that Money, O that Money, that hath ruined the hired Clergy in *Scotland*; thus far is the Judgment of God upon the hired Clergy in *Scotland*.

And by ſo doing, ye have made it plain, that your Practice is contrary to the Miniſters of Chriſt, which is to be made plain by thee Scriptures; ſo ſays the Spirit, that his Miniſters loved not their Lives unto the Death, and their Souls is now crying this preſent Day under the Alter, for Judgment and Vengaance upon ſuch as ye are; ſo ſays the Spirit, *And when he had opened the fifth Seal, I ſaw under the Alter the Souls of them that had been ſlain for the Word of God, and for the Teſtimony which they held, and they cryed with a loud Voice, ſaying how long O Lord, holy and true, doſt thou not judge and avenge our Blood on them that dwell on the Earth*; and their Prayers ſhall ſurely be heard, this Scripture may

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make all those fat rich Hirelings tremble, so says the Spirit, and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little Season, until their Fellow-servants also and their Brethren that should be killed as they were should be fulfilled, this Scripture makes it plain, that it is unpossible for the Judgment of God to go by these Beasts, Hirelings and ignorant Clergy, who choises Sin before Suffering, these Hirelings will suffer none for the glory of God and the Testimony of our Lord, and yet they have the Confidence to call themselves Christ's Ministers, but if they be his Ministers, the Scriptures are not the Word of God; who dare answer me from the Scriptures, I brag all the Clergy in the World, not I, but the Spirit that is given me, and also Kings and Rulers because they have all one Mind says the the Spirit, behold these Clergy's End, and the Kings of the Earth, who have committed Fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her and lament for her, when they shall see the Smoak of her burning; ye hear O hired Clergy, what Judgments is to come on you, which will make the very Kings bewail you and lament to see your miserable Condition, this Scripture makes it plain, that Kings and Rulers shall not be so tormented in Hell, as these hired Clergy shall be, altho they have committed Fornication with her.

God hath chosen the foolish Things of the World, to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak Things of the World, to confound the Things that are mighty, and base Things of the World, and Things which are despised hath God chosen, this Scripture is fulfilled in me, this he doth for his own Glory, that no Man should boast, this makes me brag all these Hirelings, and also the Justice-general, who condemned my former Epistle, for telling who hanged Captain *Porteous*, to answer me.

Constantine the first *Christian* Emperor was the first that hired the Clergy to preach, the honest Man did it upon a good design, but the Devil was too old for him, for ever since he has keeped his Possession, so that few can win out of *Babylon*, they are holden fast in her by Gods Decrees, until his Word be fulfilled, the Devil shall lose much of his Power a thousand Years before the Day of Judgment, then there shall be glorious Days of the Gospel to them which had not worshiped the Beast, neither his Image, neither had received his Mark upon their Fore-heads nor in their Hands,

Hands, and they lived and reigned with Chriſt a thouſand Years, in that Time the Devil is bound as ye read, in that Time there ſhall be great Love to God and to one another in the true Church, ſo ſays the Spirit, thou haſt made us unto our God Kings and Prieſts, and we ſhall reign on the Earth all like Kings, then have we not great Reaſon to pray for the Down-fall of *Babylon*, that we may ſee theſe joyfull Days, O that the Kingdom of Glory may be haſtned and advanced.

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THIS is to let you know, that there is two particular Miniſters in it, in there laſt Sacrament, theſe Miniſters debared all People that had any Hand in Captain *Porteous*'s Death, and alſo debared all them who aproved of it, and by ſo doing, they debared all the Three Perſons of the glorious Trinity from their own Table, as was made plain in my former Epiſtle, by three Scriptures, *Phinehas* did not wait on *Moſes* Law, when he killed the Man and the Woman, and yet he was juſtified by the whole Trinity, and whom God juſtifieth, there is none of his Miniſters dare condemn, becauſe God's Will is their Will, ſo he ſays in his Prayer, *Thy Will be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven*, but ye will not hear that Prayer in the Kirks of *Scotland*. If Gods Law had been broken, and the Laws of Men obeyed, then this would have pleaſed ſuch Miniſters, and all this they do for Money. What ſort of Miniſters are theſe, who will obey the Law of Men before they obey the Law of God; if it be lawful to call them Miniſters, this makes it plain, that they are the Miniſters of the Devil; the Miniſters of Chriſt will never be offended for executing of God's Laws.

O what Madneſs is in theſe Hirelings, that hindred the whole Trades in and about the City from their Work, that they might know who had a Hand in *Porteous*'s Death, but I ſay, that there was no Man on Earth that had Power to take away his Life, otherwiſe the Scriptures are not the Word of God; ſo ſays our Lord, *Thou couldeſt have no Power at all againſt me, except it were given thee from above*; but theſe ignorant Hirelings think they got all the Power they had to hang him from the Devil that is below. This makes it

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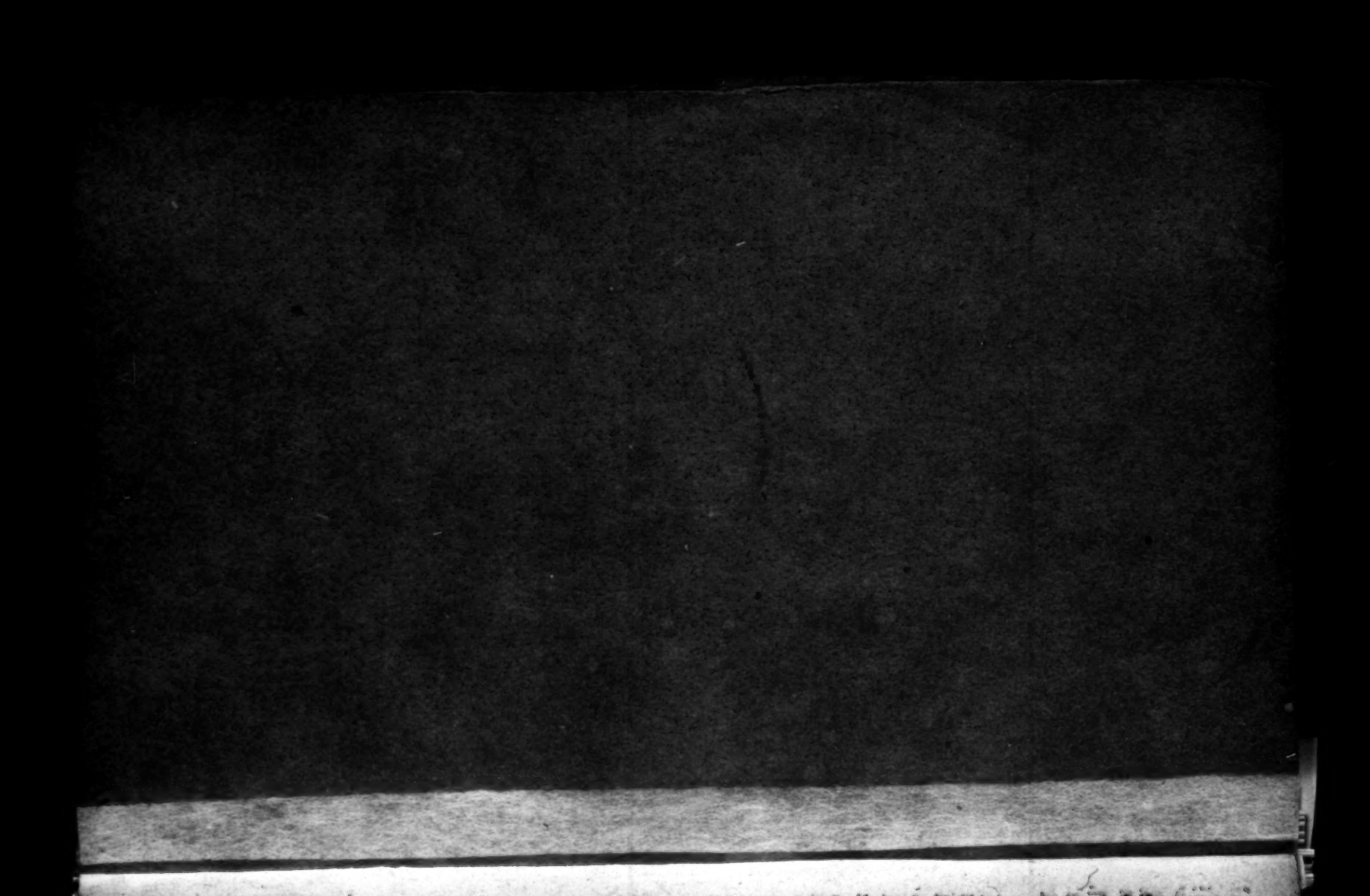
as plain as A, B, C. That all those Hirelings that are offended at his Death, are Worshipsrs of the Devil, because they give the whole Power of his Death unto the Devil; and by so doing, they take the Power clean away from God Almighty, altho his Spirit says, *Is there Evil in the City and the Lord hath not done it*; but these ignorant Hirelings believes that it was the Devil that had done it, if these Hirelings would pray the Lord's Prayer every Morning, they would have more Wit, but old Springs gives no Price with such as they are, for that they have shot it out of their Kirks, because the Devil makes them believe that their own Prayers is better than his. *Solomon* tells me, That altho I should bray them in a Morter, there foolishness will not depart from them.

It was told me, that some of these Ministers said the Grace to the Justice-general's Dinner, the *Friday* before their Sacrament, but if he had been the Minister of Christ, he would have keeped his House and would have prayed for himself and his Parish. So says the Spirit, for though there be that are called Gods, as there be Gods many, and Lords many, but to us there is but one God, we cannot drink of the Cup of the Lord and the Cup of Devils, be not ye therefore Partakers with them, says *Paul*, whose God is their Belly and mind earthly Things. Reader, I appeal it to your Conscience, whether these Words which they speak in their Pulpit, proceeds from God or from the Devil, for surely it proceeds from one of them, and if ye can prove it proceeds from God, then I shall be content to be hanged as Captain *Porteous* was, upon a Litster's Tree, and hing four Hours as he did. O that *Gustard* and *Cummin*, that were capable to answer my Books and Epistles, but Wo's me, their thick Sculs cannot answer me. I End with the Words of *Pilate* the Heathen, who spake to these ignorant Clergy, and said, what I have written, I have written, and it was Truth that he wrote, and it is Truth that I have written, as his Words stood, so will mine to the End of the World, *Amen*.

P. S. If the Justice-general gar hang me for my Religion, I'm content, because it s long since any Man in *Scotland* was hanged for Religion. WILLIAM MITCHELL.

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